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**lofted**, ppl. a.

SECOND EDITION

('loftrd, -ox-) [f. LOFT n. and v. + -ED.]

**1.** Of a house: †a. Ceiled or floored (obs.). b. (Sc. and north. dial.) Having one or more stories above the ground floor.

1549 Compl. Scotl. xi. 96 That na Scottis man suld duel in ane house that vas loftit, bot rather in ane litil cot house. 1639 Declaration in Athenaum 19 July (1890) 99/2 The dwelling howse of her brother, was all well lofted and boarded over w<sup>th</sup> oken boards, c1730 BURT Lett. N. Scotl. (1760) II. xxii. 205 If any one has a Room above, it is by way of Eminence called a lofted House. 1814 SCOTT Wav. xix. A lofted house, that is a building of two stories. c1856 Denham Tracts (1892) I. 343 The house being what in those districts [Northumberland] is termed lofted.

**2.** Golf, etc. **a.** Of a cleek or club: Made with a 'loft' (see LOFT n. 7a). **b.** Of a stroke: That 'lofts' the ball.

**1887** W. G. SIMPSON Golf 158 Certainly a more lofted cleek might be used. *Ibid.* 159 If a half-topped shot travels further than a lofted one over ordinary turf, the club has too much pitch. 1890 HUTCHINSON Golf (Badm. Libr.) 122 Using...an exceptionally lofted club to obtain the same result. Ibid. 200 The lofted approach is not a fancy shot.

## c. Of a ball: hit into the air.

1904 Daily Chron. 20 Aug. 9/5, I saw a lofted ball..miss the head of a player in front by not more than six inches. 1955 Times 29 June 4/3 He made the winning hit, a lofted straight four, on the stroke of time. 1963 Times 27 May 5/3 The same player scored from a 30-yard penalty, while Ramsden replied with a well lofted hit from 40 yards.